

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: The Devil's Own

Other Known Title: Debi

Format: Computer Image File

Director/Author: Not Stated

Producer/Publisher: Not Stated

Country of Origin: Japan

Language: Japanese

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

Date of entry in Register: 06 April 2005

Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable

OFLC No: 402083

Unexcised version of publication: Not Applicable

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Menu:		
Feature:		
Other timed components:		
Total running time:		

Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons
for classification:**

The computer image file entitled *The Devil's Own* is classified as:
Objectionable.

This classification is because the publication promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes, and promotes and supports the use of coercion to compel a person to submit to sexual conduct.

The publication is a computer image file which depicts a young girl coerced into participating in sexual conduct with a number of men. The focus of the drawings is on the girl's body and the sexual activity; the intended purpose of the drawings seems to be to sexually arouse the reader. For those with a sexual interest in young persons and coercive sexual conduct, the publication serves to legitimise and encourage that interest.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. This outcome is consistent, however, with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes, and promote and support the use of coercion to compel a person to submit to sexual conduct.